

Weather Alert

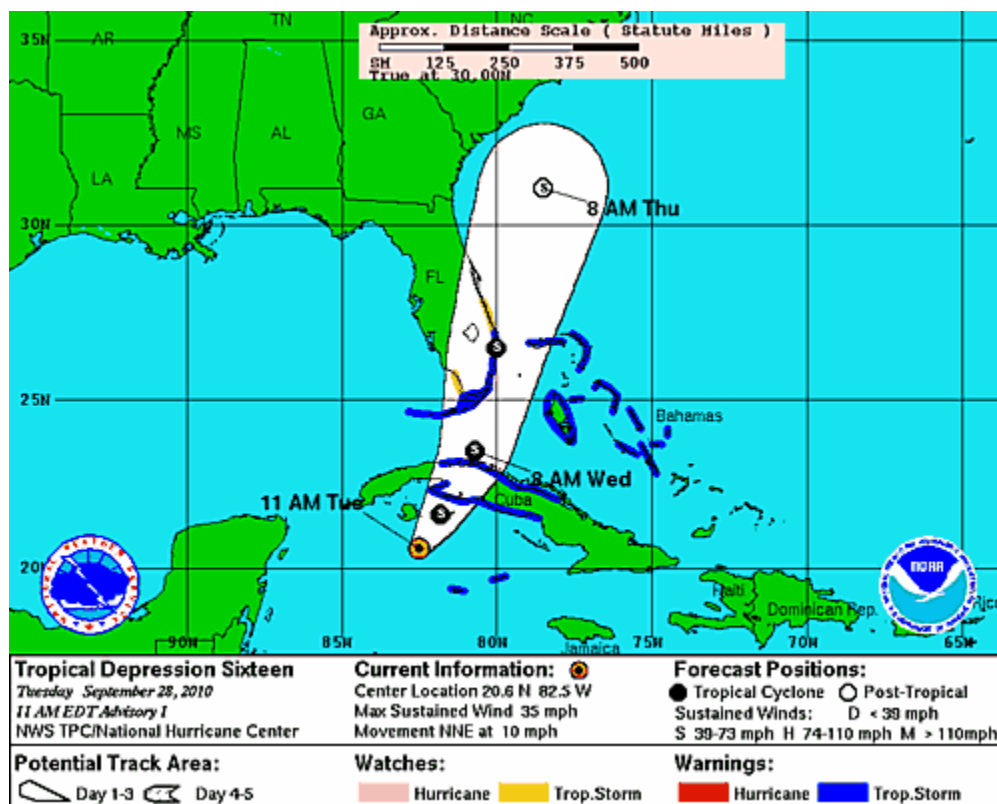
This message expires on Thursday, September 30, 2010

Date: 28 September 2010

Subject: Tropical Depression

This Warden Message is issued to alert American citizens residing in or traveling to Cuba that:

- Current tracking maps and weather forecasts indicate that a broad area of low pressure over the north western Caribbean Sea is expected to reach tropical storm status later today. The depression is expected to produce total rain accumulations of 5 to 10 inches over the Cayman Islands, Jamaica and Cuba. Isolated maximum amounts of 20 inches are possible over the higher elevations of Cuba and Jamaica. These rains could cause life-threatening flash floods and mud slides.
- A tropical storm warning is in effect for the Cuban Provinces of Matanzas eastward to Ciego de Avila.
- On the forecast track the center of the tropical cyclone will cross Cuba tonight and be near southeastern Florida by Wednesday afternoon.



- For up-to-date information on the storm's track, please monitor local television and radio news channels. If you have access to Internet, we also recommend accessing the National Hurricane Center's website <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>. The Cuban Meteorological Institute provides Cuban specific weather information at <http://www.insmet.cu>.
- The U.S. Interests Section recommends that all United States citizens in Cuba register with the Section's American Citizens Services Unit. Travelers can register their visit in person or on-line by visiting the U.S. Interests Section's website at <http://havana.usinterestsection.gov/>. The U.S. Interests Section is located in Havana at Calzada between L and M Streets, Vedado; telephone (537) 833-3551

through 833-3559. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In case of an after hours emergency the duty officer can be reached at (53) 5 280-5791.

- The U.S. Interests Section will continue to monitor this storm and will issue updated messages. U.S. citizens are urged to monitor media reports, take necessary precautions and follow all official instructions. U.S. citizens should carry their travel documents at all times (e.g. U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in safe, waterproof locations. We also suggest that American citizens contact friends and family in the United States with updates about their whereabouts.

Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found in the "Hurricane Season-Know Before You Go" pamphlet at: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis\\_pa\\_tw\\_2915.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis_pa_tw_2915.html), and on the "Natural Disasters" page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs' website at: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies\\_1207.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1207.html). Updated information on travel in Cuba may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

Please continue to monitor local media and the U.S. Interests Section's website for updated information on this and other issues at, <http://havana.usinterestsection.gov>. For further information please consult the Country Specific Information Sheet for Cuba, available via the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Interests Section, Consular Section.